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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6889

BILL NUMBER: HB 1121

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Natural Resources Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bischoff

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill changes the membership of the board of trustees for the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites.

The bill removes the Hungarian partridge from the list of game birds that may be hunted after obtaining a game bird habitat restoration stamp.

The bill also allows rifles to be used with certain yearly deer hunting licenses.

It removes the condition that a fall turkey hunting season must be established before a license to take an extra turkey is issued.

It allows the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue a duplicate license to any person who has lost a license. (Current law allows only residents to obtain a duplicate license.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Board of Trustees for the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites.* This provision should have no impact because it reflects a name change of the group responsible for one appointment and removes one defunct group from having an appointment.

Hungarian Partridge. The bird is removed from the list of “game birds” to reflect its endangered status. This provision will have minimal administrative impact.

Rifles. The bill adds rifles to the list of approved firearms for deer hunting. This provision will have no impact because it reflects administrative changes.

Turkeys. This provision updates the code to reflect that the DNR has established a fall turkey season.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Duplicate License.* Allowing nonresidents to purchase duplicate licenses may result in a minimal increase in license fee collections. License fee revenue is deposited in the Fish & Wildlife Fund, which is used to finance the operations of the DNR Divisions of Fish & Wildlife and Law Enforcement.

The DNR's automated licensing system that operates in real time can easily verify whether a license has been purchased previously. In the past, a paper system did not provide a method to easily verify whether an initial license had been purchased.

Under existing law, nonresidents who lose their licenses must purchase another license. Many nonresidents indicate that they will not buy a second \$140 deer, \$130 turkey, \$80 hunting, or \$35 fishing license at full cost once they lose their initial license. Surrounding states provide nonresidents a low-priced duplicate license.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DNR

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: DNR

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